ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A computer system is connected to an infrastructure from among a number of infrastructures. For example, a mobile computer system may be connected to a corporate intranet or a home network. The computer system receives one or more parameters that are provided by the infrastructure. The received parameters may include a network address and a subnet mask. The received parameters are combined to generate an identifier that is representative of an environment the computer system will operate in. Generating an identifier may include combining a network address and a subnet mask to determine a network location. Based on the identifier, characteristics associated with the environment the computer system will operate in are selected. The selected characteristics may facilitate changing the configuration of the computer system to operate in the environment represented by the identifier.

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